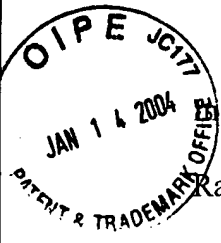


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES



Re Application of

Ralf Reimelt et al

Appln. No. : 09/899,502

Filed : July 6, 2000

For: APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING AND/OR)
MONITORING THE FILLING LEVEL OF A)
PRODUCT IN A CONTAINER)

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) Art Unit: 2856

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.183

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Your Petitioner respectfully requests that the provisions of 37 CFR 1.193(b)(1) be suspended to allow Applicant/Appellants to file the Reply Brief and the Request for Oral Hearing, attached hereto.

The Examiner's Answer was mailed on November 4, 2003 and received by the undersigned's prior firm, Jones, Tullar & Cooper, P.C. on November 5, 2003. It was noted that the Reply Brief and the Request for Oral Hearing were due by January 4, 2004. In fact, both the Request for Oral Hearing and the Reply Brief were prepared by the undersigned on December 3, 2003 while at Jones, Tullar & Cooper, P.C. Unfortunately, the papers that were prepared were not filed and the file was transferred to the present firm of Bacon & Thomas, PLLC as a result of

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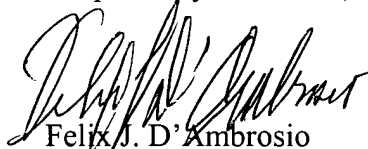
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a merger by the undersigned with the firm of Bacon & Thomas, PLLC. The failure to file the Request for Oral Hearing and the Reply Brief was inadvertent and resulted from the move from Jones, Tullar & Cooper, P.C. to Bacon & Thomas, PLLC.

It is respectfully requested that since the failure to file both the Request for an Oral Hearing and the Reply Brief was inadvertent, and due, for the most part, to the merger/move, the time provision of 37 CFR 1.193(b)(1) be waived, and Applicant/Appellants be permitted to file the attached Reply Brief and Request for an Oral Hearing.

The required fee of \$130.00 is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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January 14, 2004

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